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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
OF THE FORTY SIXTH LEGISLATURE:

I am returning herewith without my approval Senate Bill No. 54. This Act provides for the State of Texas donating FREE COLLEGE TUITION to a maximum of one hundred citizens of foreign countries annually. From the standpoint of fostering friendly relations with our Neighbors, the idea is commendable but I am of the opinion that we should level our laudable ambitions with our pocket-book, and inasmuch as our General Fund is around 17 million dollars in the red I am of the opinion that we should postpone our noble donating impulses until we have some money.

Furthermore, while we are providing education I feel that our first obligation is to the boys and girls in Texas and until we can sincerely say that we have adequately provided for the education of all of our own boys and girls in Texas I do not believe we should offer to donate our educational facilities to outsiders.

W. Leekanil
Governor of Texas.

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